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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, JA, XA

SUBJECT: BILATERAL US/JAPAN CONSULTATIONS ON AFRICA

REF: STATE 143587 AND PREVIOUS

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH COUNSELOR JAPANESE EMBASSY AUGUST 14, DEPT CONFIRMED THAT TENTATIVE AGENDA ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY EMBASSY (STATE 101889) WOULD FORM SATISFACTORY BASIS FOR NEWSOM CONSULTATIONS IN TOKYO SEPTEMBER 10-11. CALLED ATTENTION HOWEVER TO FACT THAT, WHILE IT BY NO MEANS NECESSARY ATTEMPT COVER ENTIRE CONTINENT IN DETAIL, AGENDA AS NOW STANDS MAKES NO MENTION OF A NUMBER OF GEOGRAPHIC AREAS WHERE JAPANESE HAVE SIGNIFICANT INTERESTS (E.G. WEST AFRICA, NIGERIA, ZAIRE, EAST AFRICA); OR OF VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL ORGANISMS (E.G. OAU, AFRICANS IN UN). (COUNSELOR ADDED QUOTE ALGIERS UNALIGNED SUMMIT END QUOTE IN WHICH JAPANESE HAVE MUCH INTEREST.) DEPT STRESSED IT ENTIRELY AGREEABLE TO US WHETHER INCLUDE OR OMIT SUCH ADDITIONAL ITEMS, BUT IF JAPANESE SIDE INTERESTED IN TOUCHING ON ANY ASPECT THEREOF, WE WOULD WANT TO BE PREPARED WITH ADEQUATE BRIEFING MATERIALS.

2. DEPT ALSO NOTED THAT IT HAS BEEN PAST PRACTICE TO PRECEDE DISCUSSION OF INDIVIDUAL AGENDA ITEMS BY BRIEF
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OVERVIEW PRESENTATIONS BY EACH SIDE (HOST USUALLY LEADING

OFF). WHERE TIME PERMITS, IT IS USEFUL ALSO TO CONCLUDE

TALKS WITH BRIEF SUMMATIONS CITING ANY AREAS IN WHICH RESPECTIVE ASSESSMENTS DIFFERED, OR POINTS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST DEVELOPED DURING TALKS. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE SAID IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO RECEIVE AN INDICATION FROM MINISTRY AS TO APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF TIME THEY (AS HOSTS) WOULD SUGGEST DEVOTING TO EACH AGENDA ITEM AND WHETHER TALKS PLANNED FOR BOTH SEPTEMBER 10 AND 11 OR TO BE CONCLUDED IN SINGLE DAY. (OUR PAST PRACTICE HAS USUALLY BEEN APPROXIMATELY DAY AND A HALF FOR THIS TYPE OF CONSULTATION.)

3. COUNSELOR SAID QUESTIONS RAISED DURING CONVERSATION WOULD BE REFERRED TO TOKYO AND ANSWER RELAYED WITHIN FEW DAYS. ROGERS

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